

CLAIMS

I claim:

1 1. A quick latch system for use with a motor vehicle having
2 side panels with post holes, said quick latch system comprising:

3 a toolbox having a base with a hole;

4 a shaft having an attaching end and an inserting end for
5 passing through and rotating within the hole in said toolbox;

6 a clamp arm having a clamping end and ^{a clamping} ~~an~~ arm extending from
7 said clamping end, said clamping end being pivotally attached to
8 said shaft, and said ^{clamping} ~~arm~~ adapted for rotating said shaft within the
9 hole in said toolbox and for pivoting said clamp arm from a
10 vertical position to a horizontal position; and

11 a fastener adapted to attach to the inserting end of said
12 shaft.

1 2. The quick latch system set forth in claim 1 wherein the
2 clamping end of said clamp arm comprises a first fork and a second
3 fork, said first fork having a first hole and said second fork
4 having a second hole, said first hole and said second hole being in
5 registry and approximating each other in diameter.

1 3. The quick latch system set forth in claim 2 wherein the
2 shaft is an eyebolt having an eye with an eye hole approximating
3 the diameter of said first hole and said second hole in the
4 clamping end of said clamp arm, said eye fitting between said first
5 fork and said second fork so that said eye hole is aligned with
6 said first hole and said second hole.

1 4. The quick latch system set forth in claim 3 further
2 comprising a dowel inserted through the holes in the forks of said
3 clamp arm and through the eye hole in the eye of said shaft,
4 whereby said clamp arm and said eyebolt are pivotally attached to
5 each other.

1 5. The quick latch system set forth in claim 1 wherein the
2 clamping end of said clamp arm has a contoured cam surface.

1 6. The quick latch system set forth in claim 1 wherein the
2 inserting end of said shaft has threads.

1 7. The quick latch system set forth in claim 6 wherein said
2 fastener is a nut.

1 8. The quick latch system set forth in claim 7 wherein said
2 nut has a rhombic shape.

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